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increase of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,889 pounds for May, 55 pounds above May 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.33 million head, 143,000 head less than May 2009, but 4,000 head more than April 2010.

**POTATO STOCKS**

**JUNE 2010**

Fall potato stocks in the San Luis Valley of Colorado totaled 3.0 million cwt as of June 1, 2010, down 21 percent from the 3.8 million cwt in storage as of June 1, 2009. The latest stocks represented 14 percent of the 22.08 million cwt produced in 2009. The June 1, 2009 stocks represented 17 percent of the 21.91 million cwt produced in 2008. Sales of Colorado's fall potatoes for table stock have averaged 68 percent of the production for the 2004-2008 period. The remaining 32 percent of production is used for seed, processing, feed and home use or is lost through cullage and shrinkage.

The 13 major potato States held 51.3 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2010, up 13 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 13 percent of the 2009 fall storage States' production, one percentage point above June 1, 2009.

Potato disappearance, at 333 million cwt, was 2 percent above June 1, 2009. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 28.5 million cwt, was up 20 percent from the same date in 2009. Processors in the 9 major States have used 160 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 5 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 29.9 million cwt of the total processing, down 6 percent from last year.

**MILK PRODUCTION**

**MAY 2010**

Colorado dairy herds produced 240 million pounds of milk during May, down 16 million pounds from May 2009. The average number of cows was 117,000, down 9 percent from the previous year. Production per cow averaged 2,050 pounds for May, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 15.7 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from May 2009. April revised production at 15.2 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from April 2009. The April revision represented an

**Milk Cows and Milk Production, 23 States**

Item	May 2009	April 2010	May 2010
<b>Colorado</b>			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) <u>1/</u> ....	128	117	117
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) <u>2/</u> .....	2,000	1,975	2,050
Production (mil. lbs.) <u>2/</u> .....	256	231	240
<b>23 States Total:</b>			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) <u>1/</u> ....	8,475	8,328	8,332
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) <u>2/</u> .....	1,834	1,824	1,889
Production (mil. lbs.) <u>2/</u> .....	15,541	15,192	15,741

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves

**CATTLE ON FEED**

**JUNE 1, 2010**

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 970,000 head as of June 1, 2010. This latest inventory is up 3 percent from last month but down 1 percent from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 135,000 head of fed cattle during May 2010. This was 7 percent below both the April 2010 and May 2009 marketings of 145,000 head. An estimated 185,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during May, 9 percent above a month ago and 32 percent above May 2009 placements of 140,000. Of the number placed in May, 14 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 14 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 24 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 49 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for April, at 20,000 head, was up 5,000 head from last month but down 5,000 head from the same time last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on June 1, 2010. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.02 million, 23 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.92 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 445,000, 600-699 pounds were 405,000, 700-799 pounds were 537,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 635,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.87 million, 4 percent below 2009. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of May since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 102,000 during May, 1 percent above 2009.

**Cattle on Feed, Colorado and United States  
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, May 1 to June 1, 2009-2010**

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<b>1,000 head</b>			
On Feed May 1	1,010	940	10,822	10,443
Placements During May	140	185	1,638	2,022
< 600 pounds	25	25	395	445
600 - 699 Pounds	25	25	305	405
700 - 799 Pounds	45	45	433	537
800 Plus Pounds	45	90	505	635
Marketings During May	145	135	1,952	1,869
Other Disap. During May	25	15	101	102
On Feed June 1	980	970	10,407	10,494

### CHICKENS AND EGGS MAY 2010

**Colorado** laying flocks produced 89 million eggs during May 2010 compared to 96 million in May 2009 and 89 million during April 2010. During May of this year, the average number of layers was 3.64 million compared with 3.72 million last year and 3.77 last month. The average number of eggs produced per 100 layers was 2,448 this May compared with 2,580 a year earlier and 2,363 in April of this year.

United States egg production totaled 7.69 billion during May 2010, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.58 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 73 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2010 averaged 338 million, up slightly from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,276 eggs, up 1 percent from May 2009.

All layers in the United States on June 1, 2010 totaled 337 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 337 million layers consisted of 279 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.3 million layers producing broiler-type

hatching eggs, and 2.94 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2010, averaged 73.6 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from June 1, 2009.

### WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION June 2010

Winter wheat production in **Colorado** is forecast at 89.7 million bushels, up 3 percent from the May 1 forecast but 8 percent below the 98.0 million bushels produced last year. Estimated acreage for harvest, at 2.30 million acres, is unchanged from May 1, but 150,000 acres less than the 2.45 million acres harvested in 2009. As of June 1, the average yield is forecast at 39.0 bushels per acre, 1.0 bushel per acre below last year's average. Soil moisture has been adequate in most growing areas this spring but cool temperatures in April and May delayed crop development. Currently, wheat is in mostly good condition.

Production for the **United States** is forecast at 1.48 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast but down 3 percent from 2009. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 46.6 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushel from the previous forecast and up 2.4 bushels from last year. Expected grain area totals 31.8 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 8 percent from last year. As of May 30, sixty-five percent of the United States winter wheat crop was rated in good to excellent condition, 20 points above the same week in 2009, and heading had reached 75 percent in the 18 major producing States, 3 percentage points behind the 5-year average.

Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in the six Hard Red Winter States (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas) are below last year's level in Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma but above in Colorado, Montana, and Texas. Yields are higher than last month in Colorado, Kansas, and Montana but unchanged in Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas. The percent of crop headed was behind the 5-year average in all of the major Hard Red Winter States except Oklahoma, which was equal to the 5-year average. Cooler temperatures and rainfall during May delayed crop development in Kansas. Harvest has begun in Oklahoma and Texas.

In the Pacific Northwest States (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington), yields increased from last month in Oregon and Washington, but remain unchanged in Idaho. Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in Washington are above last year. The percent of crop headed in the Pacific Northwest was behind the 5-year average in Idaho and Washington, but ahead in Oregon. Washington's crop remains in good condition as a result of widespread rainfall during May.

**Winter Wheat: Acres harvested, yield and production, selected states and United States, 2008-2010**

STATE	Acres harvested		Yield per acre		Production		
	2009	Indicated 2010	2009	Indicated 2010	2008	2009	Indicated 2010
	<b>1,000 Acres</b>		<b>Bushels</b>		<b>1,000 Bushels</b>		
Arkansas .....	390	170	44.0	52.0	55,860	17,160	8,840
California .....	315	380	80.0	70.0	34,000	25,200	26,600
<b>Colorado .....</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>57,000</b>	<b>98,000</b>	<b>89,700</b>
Georgia .....	250	130	42.0	44.0	22,400	10,500	5,720
Idaho .....	700	740	81.0	85.0	60,000	56,700	62,900
Illinois .....	820	325	56.0	59.0	73,600	45,920	19,175
Indiana .....	450	280	67.0	68.0	38,640	30,150	19,040
Kansas .....	8,800	8,200	42.0	43.0	356,000	369,600	352,600
Kentucky .....	390	300	57.0	63.0	32,660	22,230	18,900
Maryland .....	195	140	60.0	68.0	13,140	11,700	9,520
Michigan .....	560	490	69.0	74.0	48,990	38,640	36,260
Mississippi .....	165	130	50.0	50.0	30,070	8,250	6,500
Missouri .....	730	310	47.0	46.0	55,680	34,310	14,260
Montana .....	2,420	1,900	37.0	43.0	94,380	89,540	81,700
Nebraska .....	1,600	1,500	48.0	46.0	73,480	76,800	69,000
New York .....	105	100	65.0	64.0	7,686	6,825	6,400
North Carolina .....	600	400	49.0	46.0	43,200	29,400	18,400
North Dakota .....	545	320	48.0	54.0	22,550	26,160	17,280
Ohio .....	980	750	72.0	72.0	74,120	70,560	54,000
Oklahoma .....	3,500	3,900	22.0	33.0	166,500	77,000	128,700
Oregon .....	750	830	56.0	62.0	44,950	42,000	51,460
Pennsylvania .....	175	155	56.0	60.0	11,840	9,800	9,300
South Carolina .....	150	135	47.0	43.0	11,070	7,050	5,805
South Dakota .....	1,530	1,180	42.0	50.0	103,950	64,260	59,000
Tennessee .....	340	180	51.0	56.0	32,760	17,340	10,080
Texas .....	2,450	3,500	25.0	35.0	99,000	61,250	122,500
Virginia .....	210	175	58.0	63.0	19,880	12,180	11,025
Washington .....	1,640	1,710	59.0	62.0	96,320	96,760	106,020
Wisconsin .....	315	230	68.0	70.0	22,110	21,420	16,100
Other States <sup>1/</sup> .....	960	926	47.9	49.2	66,067	46,013	45,579
<b>United States .....</b>	<b>34,485</b>	<b>31,786</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>1,867,333</b>	<b>1,522,718</b>	<b>1,482,364</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Other States include AL, AZ, FL, IA, LA, MN, NJ, NV, NM, ND, UT, WV, and WY. Individual state level estimates will be published in the "Small Grains 2009 Summary", September 28, 2009.

**COLD STORAGE  
MAY 31, 2010**

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2010 were greater than year earlier levels for chicken, cheese and eggs. Butter stocks were up 3 percent from last month but down 16 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 4 percent from the previous month and down 18 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 7 percent from the previous month and down 23 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 12 percent from last month and down 44 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on May 31, 2010 were up 11 percent from the previous month but down 5 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 11 percent from the previous month and up 9 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 11 percent from last month but down 20 percent from May 31, 2009.

**Stocks in Storage, United States**

Commodity	May 31, 2009	Apr. 30, 2010	May 31, 2010
<b>1,000 Pounds</b>			
Butter.....	253,310	206,291	211,528
Cheese, total natural .....	970,320	1,008,291	1,018,665
Eggs, frozen.....	21,714	22,388	22,426
Poultry, total frozen.....	1,232,643	1,054,723	1,174,464
Chicken .....	641,936	628,907	699,514
Turkey .....	585,745	422,064	470,451
Fruits, frozen .....	910,555	971,823	900,686
Fruit Juices, frozen .....	1,874,911	1,733,975	1,792,719
Vegetables, total frozen....	1,572,106	1,808,844	1,615,840
Potatoes, total frozen .....	1,203,183	1,093,719	1,108,522
Meats, total red.....	1,030,083	876,273	841,498
Beef, total frozen.....	417,875	369,485	363,816
Pork, total frozen.....	584,544	483,710	448,321

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Food stocks are excluded for places where entire inventories are turned over more than once a month.

**UPCOMING REPORTS**

Colorado and U.S. data from most of the following reports will appear in subsequent issues of AG UPDATE. However, those who have an immediate need for the data may call this office on the day of release - toll free 1-800-392-3202. The complete USDA report is also available on the Worldwide Web at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>

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